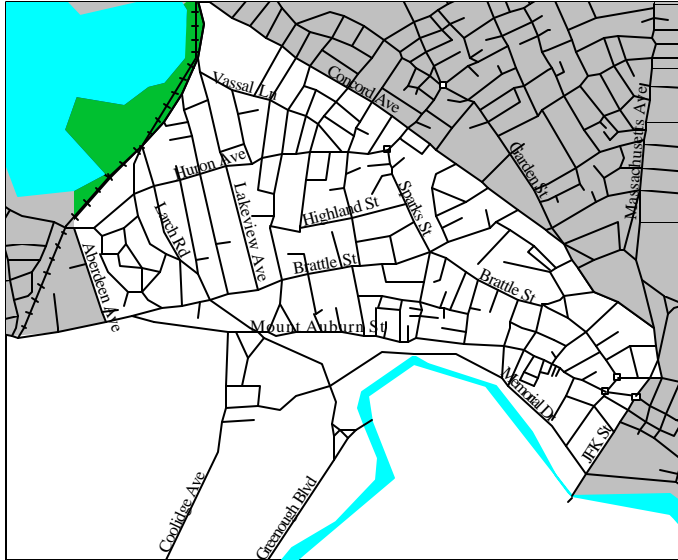
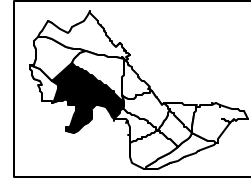


NEIGHBORHOOD 10

WEST CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Avenue, Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, and the Watertown line

POPULATION: 8,266 residents
3,887 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$54,656

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Cars 10R and 13R (1 officer cars). It also includes walking routes 10A, 10B, 10C, and 16X.

2002 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

The number of **housebreaks** reported in the West Cambridge neighborhood in the second quarter of 2002 was the same as last year at this time. No major patterns emerged. In late January two apartments were broken into in a multi-unit building located on Walden Street. In both incidents entry was gained by forcing open the front door. In one break clothing and a knife was taken. • Five of the ten **street robberies** reported occurred in the month of April, during the week. In four of the incidents a weapon was produced. In one particularly violent incident, a victim was slashed in the face and neck area with a knife after he refused to give his attacker his wallet. Most of the robberies occurred on the outskirts of Harvard Square during the late evening hours. • Last year West Cambridge reported a 69% increase in **malicious destruction** incidents due to several sprees of graffiti incidents. This year numbers are once again back to historical levels. Only eight incidents of graffiti were reported so far this year in West Cambridge, but it is important to remember that graffiti is greatly underreported. • Two **drug arrests** were made in West Cambridge in the second quarter of 2002. Both were the result of arrests for other crimes.

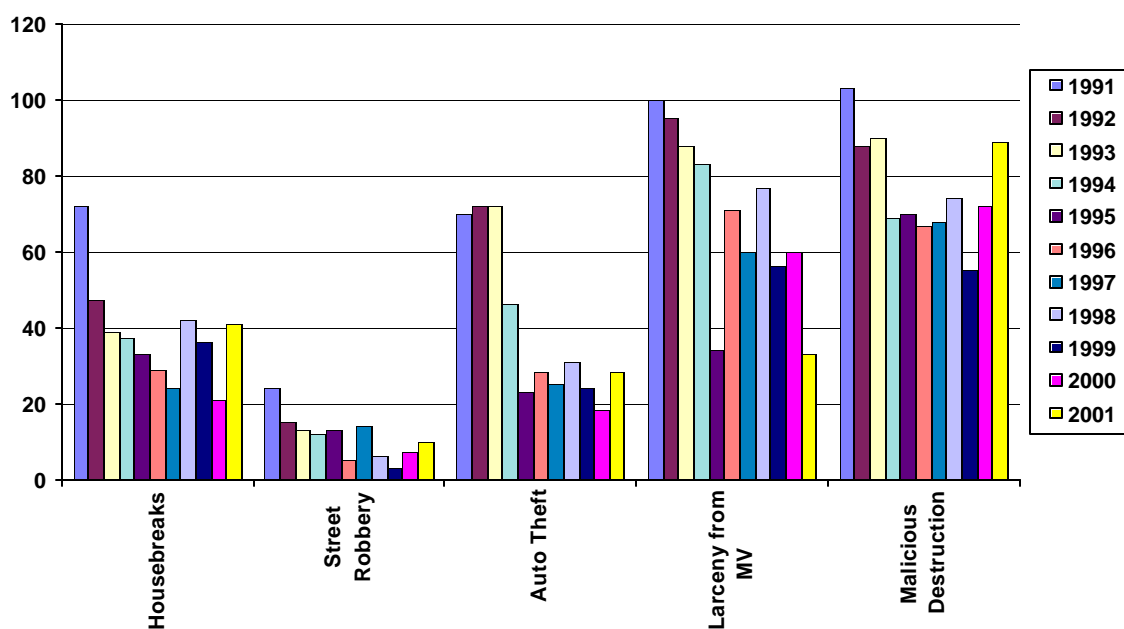
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2001 & 2002

CRIME	2nd Q 2001	2nd Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	15	15	N.C.
Street Robbery	2	10	+400%
Auto Theft	10	13	+30%
Larceny from MVs	22	16	-27%
Malicious Destruction	61	30	-51%
Drug Arrests	3	2	-33%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

West Cambridge is, geographically, the largest neighborhood in the city. Its east end contains a good portion of Harvard Square, bustling with commercial traffic; its western border is marked by Fresh Pond and Kingsley Park. In between are the beautiful homes of Brattle Street, the expansive Cambridge Cemetery, Mount Auburn Hospital, and half a dozen elementary schools. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Almost all of West Cambridge's target crimes are lower than average, its population is slightly higher than average.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles**, is concentrated in the area bordered by Sparks, Brattle, and Mount Auburn Street. The incidents occur primarily on weekends, late at night. The related crime of **malicious destruction** registers at average levels.
- **Housebreaks**, recently believed to be almost eliminated, have returned with a large increase in the last month of the quarter. The Oriental rug pattern in the more affluent areas of this neighborhood accounted for most of the breaks during the first three months.
- **Bicycle theft** patterns strike the Harvard Square area each spring and summer. The large number of bicycles parked in the area lead to high levels of theft. **Larcenies from Persons** become a problem every spring and summer around the Square and in its many commercial establishments.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR WEST CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	105	4	38	8	8
Street Robbery	18	7	12	9	7
Auto Theft	105	6	42	8	9
Larceny from MVs	134	3	70	5	8
Malicious Destruction	92	8	75	7	5

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest